(d) what is the manner in which Government propose to meet this power deficit?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (d) The Government is aware that a national convention of Institution of Engineers was held on the 29th and 30th January, 1993 in New Delhi, where anticipated power shortage by the end of the VIII Five Year Plan was also considered. The Government is also aware that on completion of the capacity addition programme of 30537.7 MW during the VIII Plan, the anticipated power supply position in the terminal year of the plan viz. 1996-97 will be as follows:—

	Peak (MW)	Energy (Mkwh)
Requirement . . .	73656	416274
Availability . . .	58403	378626
Shortage . . .	—15253	—37648
(%) Shortage . .	—20.7	—9.0

A number of measures are being taken to meet the anticipated situation, which, inter-alia, include—improved arrangements for transfer of electric power between regions, renovation and modernisation of the existing plants, improving plant load factor and plant availability of thermal and hydro plants respectively, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, conservation of energy and encouraging private investment in the power sector.

Release of Imponded D.A.

*459. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) since when the D.A. is being impounded in respect of those who are getting a basic pay above Rs. 3,500|- and how much D.A. has accrued to them;

(b) what are the reasons for impounding the D.A.;

(c) what is the account in which it is being credited;

(d) whether the interest is paid on those amounts at par with P.F. account, if so, from which date; and

(e) whether the employees will be allowed to withdraw the amount from the impounded D.A.; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) The additional instalments of dearness allowance due to employees drawing pay above Rs. 3500|— p.m. are being credited to their respective provident fund accounts w.e.f. 1.7.1990 with a view to minimising the immediate cash outgo from the Consolidated Fund of India. The employees are paid interest on this amount and can draw advances or make withdrawals from their provident fund in accordance with the prescribed rules.

World Bank concern over Non-Utilisation of its Aid

*460. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank officials have expressed concern over non-utilisation of World Bank assistance to the country;

(b) whether the Managing Director of World Bank took up the issue during his visit to the country recently; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) The pace of utilisation of World Bank Commitments to India has been under review with the World Bank and was also discussed with the Managing Director of the World Bank during his recent visit to India. It was agreed that steps are necessary to streamline disbursements and to rationalise the portfolio of projects to ensure optimum utilisation of commitments.

Decline in Passengers Travelling by Air India

3903. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has been gradually losing its share of passengers to foreign airlines;

(b) if so, by what percentage Air India's share of passengers dropped at the end of 1992 as compared to the year 1991;

(c) what are the names of the countries where Air India's share of passengers dropped during 1992;

(d) what is the estimated loss suffered by the airlines as a consequence thereof; and

(e) what are the major reasons identified by Government and what strategy has been formulated to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Plans drawn to improve the operations of Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot

3904. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans drawn by Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot to improve their operations during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what has been the results of these plans in so far as profitability is concerned;

(c) whether Government have identified areas in the operation of Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot where there is a scope for improvement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD). (a) Increase in productivity, optimum utilisation of fleet modernisation of the fleet, improved punctuality and improvement of the facilities to passengers are the main ingredients of the plans drawn up by the three airlines for improvement of their performance during 1991-92 and 1992-93.

(b) Apart from Air India, who have shown increased profits during 1991-92 (Rs. 145.89 crores) both Indian Airlines and Vayudoot have shown losses of Rs. 198.85 crores and Rs. 30.59 crores respectively. For 1992-93, Air India has projected a profit of Rs. 300 crores whereas Indian Airlines and Vayudoot have projected losses of Rs. 200 crores and Rs. 22 crores respectively.

(c) and (d) During periodic reviews with the airline managements, issues like increase in productivity, better 'on time' performance, better passenger handling, both on ground and in air, fleet modernisation and industrial relations have been identified as areas needing improvement.